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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed March 22, 2005, applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I, embodiment 2 (FIG. 3). At least method claims 14-20 relate to that embodiment.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement and submits that claims 21-26 also should be examined together with claims 14-20. Independent claim 21 recites the following features that are similar to features recited in independent claim 14:

* a plurality of conductive lines each of which extends along a bottom surface of a trench in the substrate, along opposing sidewalls of the trench, and along an upper surface of the substrate at both sides of the trench; and

* wire bonds interconnecting portions of the conductive lines to define a plurality of windings for an inductive component wherein the windings are composed of the conductive lines and the wire bond interconnections.

Therefore, the burden of any additional searching that may be required to search claims 21-26, as well as claims 14-20, should be minimal.

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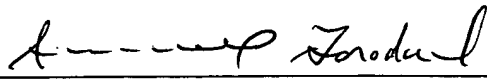
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